

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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LAURA M. PORTELA,)
Plaintiff)
vs.)
WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP)
Defendant)

U.S. DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASS

Civil Action No. 05-10844-MEL

DEFENDANT'S CERTIFICATION UNDER LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)(3)

Jacqueline Cravens (authorized representative of Wal-Mart Stores East, LP) and undersigned counsel for said defendant certify that they have conferred with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course - and various alternative courses - of this litigation and have conferred to consider the resolution of this litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs such as those outlined in Local Rule 16.4.

Dated: August 21, 2005

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of each document was served upon the attorney of record for each other party by first-class mail, postage pre-paid, on August 29 2005.

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